

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2441–S2489

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1105–1125, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 152–153.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1124, to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act. **Page S2472**

Measures Passed:

Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act: Senate passed S. 304, to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2487–88**

Recognizing the Importance of the United States-Japan Relationship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 153, recognizing the importance of the United States-Japan relationship to safeguarding global security, prosperity, and human rights. **Pages S2488–89**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2443–68**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 167), Johnson Amendment No. 1150 (to Amendment No. 1140), to declare that any agreement reached by the President relating to the nuclear program of Iran is deemed a treaty that is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2456–61, S2467–68**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2443**

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1179 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require submission of all Persian text included in the agreement. **Pages S2443–44**

Blunt Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1140), to extend the requirement for annual Department of Defense reports on the military power of Iran. **Pages S2461–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill following the Joint Meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister, His Excellency Shinzo Abe, on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. **Page S2489**

Joint Meeting—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Shinzo Abe, into the House Chamber for the Joint Meeting at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. **Page S2489**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair to allow for the Joint Meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister, His Excellency Shinzo Abe. **Page S2489**

Neffenger Nomination—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; that upon the reporting out or discharge of the nomination, the nomination then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days; after which the nomination, if still in committee, be discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S2489**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S2489**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2473–76**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—167) **Page S2468**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2489.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. SECURITY POLICY IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States security policy in Europe, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN (Ret.), Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, Massachusetts; and Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, and Stephen Sestanovich, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the insurance industry and insurance regulation, including S. 1086, to establish an insurance policy advisory committee on international capital standards, after receiving testimony from S. Roy Woodall, Jr., Independent Member, Financial Stability Oversight Council, and Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, both of the Department of the Treasury; Mark E. Van Der Weide, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Kevin M. McCarty, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Commissioner, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

U.S. COAST GUARD RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the resources and priorities of the U.S. Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on aviation safety and general aviation, after receiving testimony from Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Christopher A. Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Faye Malarkey Black, Regional Airline Association, Washington, D.C.; Mark Baker, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland; and Chesley B. Sullenberger III, Danville, California.

ADMINISTRATION'S QUADRENNIAL ENERGY REVIEW

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 544, to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible, with an amendment; and

General Services Administration resolutions.

AUDIT AND APPEALS ISSUES IN MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine creating a more efficient and level playing field, focusing on audit and appeals issues in Medicare, after receiving testimony from Nancy J. Griswold, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Department of Health and Human Services; Sandy Coston, Diversified Service Options, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida; and